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DoD names D-M Fitness Center as 'Premier Facility'

By Staff Sgt. Cat Casaigne
355th Wing Public Affairs

The Department of Defense notified base officials June 22 that the Davis-Monthan Fitness Center was recognized as a DoD Premier Facility.

In 2004, the 355th Services Squadron won its share of awards. The Inn on Davis-Monthan won the Innkeeper Award. The Fitness Center received its second 5-Star rating as well as the Air Combat Command Services Fitness Programs and Plans Award.

"The Air Force submits an annual DoD Fitness Center Standards Compliance report which assesses whether a base meets standards for facilities, programs, equipment and staff excellence," said Capt. Sirena Morris, 355th Services Squadron Combat Support Flight commander. "A facility must score 100 percent in all categories to receive DoD Premier Facility recognition."

Fitness centers in ACC are recognized for their quality of programs and facility excellence — the U.S. Air Force 5-Star Facility and the DoD

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Photo by Staff Sgt. Lanie McNeal

America, America ...

Anastasia Boris, daughter of Naomi and Staff Sgt. Mark Boris, 755th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, enjoys the Fourth of July festivities at Davis-Monthan. To see more photos from the Fourth of July events, see **Fourth of July celebration goes off with a bang at D-M**, Page 15.

Olympian at D-M ranks as two-time world-class athlete

Lieutenant takes first place in track, field hammer throw

By Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle
355th Wing Public Affairs

An Olympic athlete stationed at Davis-Monthan won first place at the 2005 U.S. Outdoor Track and Field Championship June 24.

First Lt. James D. Parker, 355th

Services Squadron chief of plans and readiness, recently won his third straight U.S. title in the hammer-throw event. He threw a hammer 243 feet, 3 inches at this year's track and field championship in Carson, Calif.

Since the hammer throw event is not divided into weight classes, only one person can be called the U.S. champion.

"It was my third outdoor national championship," Lieutenant Parker said. "That was a big deal — I

wanted to defend my title, I also made the U.S. world championship team for the first time. We will be traveling to Finland this August."

Hammer throw is a technical event and earning the title of hammer throw champion can be physically demanding, Lieutenant Parker said.

It involves a lot of speed, technique, balance and strength. Throwing the hammer requires a circular movement, which is not a natural movement for the body and makes

learning to throw a hammer hard, Lieutenant Parker said.

Hammer throw has been around for thousands of years and sometimes it seems to take that long to learn.

Hammer throw started with the Romans who first threw a chariot wheel. Today, it uses a 16-pound ball with a four-foot wire and a handle, Lieutenant Parker said. Hammer throw became an Olympic event in 1900.

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The Davis-Monthan Air Force Base timeline of sorties as of June 30

Squadron	Required	Flown	Annual	Squadron	Required	Flown	Annual
41st ECS	1,101.0	991.8	1,842.5	162nd OSB	1,428.1	1,485.1	2,135.0
43rd ECS	1,706.1	1,659.4	2,275.2	354th FS	8,089.9	8,170.6	9,891.0
55th RQS	2,122.3	1,972.9	2,880.0	357th FS	6,676.0	6,772.7	8,966.0
79th RQS	1,232.4	1,191.4	1,680.4	358th FS	6,892.0	6,745.5	9,148.0

O'Club reopens today

The ribbon cutting ceremony for The Mirage Officers' Club and the grand opening of the new Mountain View Conference Center is today at 4:30 p.m. Festivities include free food, beverages, music and \$3,000 in prizes and giveaways.



Photo by Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy

Airman 1st Class Danielle Feeley, 357th Fighter Squadron (left), reviews paperwork with Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander, June 30. Airman Feeley was selected to participate in the wing's shadow program.

Force protection vigilance

Concern: In June the base was at a higher force protection level, I was coming through the Craycroft Road Gate between 2:30 and 3 p.m. Each person had their IDs checked, however there was a moving van that was waved through without any type of check. How could this have happened?

Response: Thanks for the question. During all force protection measures, we implement a variety of procedures to secure the installation, our people and families. One of these measures is to screen all commercial vehicles like the one you saw. Our investment in installation stewardship allowed us to build a vehicle inspections building prior to the actual gate. Both Swan and Craycroft Road Gates have these buildings. The vehicle was waived through because it was

searched at this station. After the vehicle has cleared the inspection, the driver has to wait for an escort. These commercial vehicles are then allowed to enter the installation without being searched for a second time.

Swan Road Gate congestion

Concern: Why do we have one lane closed at the new Swan Road Gate? In the mornings, we have a backlog of vehicles.

Response: Thank you for the question. It is our goal to provide world-class professional service and defense for the installation. During peak hours there are always two security forces sentries manning the gate. My officers out in the field are given the latitude to make decisions and one lane may have been temporarily closed for a number of reasons. I can tell you that both lanes should and will be open during peak traffic volume hours or when the gate is severely congested.

Supporting each other and working together to provide the best programs and services is a goal for all D-M people. Ideas, suggestions and comments are important to make improvements. The best way to pass along a comment is to contact the agency chief or functional managers listed here. Still no solution? The Commander's Corner line can be reached at 228-4747 or 355thWing.CommandersCorner@dm.af.mil.

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Clinic.....	228-2930	Opportunity Office.....	228-5509
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Team D-M Mission Spotlight



The 355th Component Maintenance Squadron directs maintenance including repair and test of propulsion units. Members of the 355th CMS troubleshoot and repair avionics, navigation, computer, electronic warfare and photographic equipment. The squadron also calibrates test, measurement and diagnostic equipment and completes maintenance on aircraft systems supporting seven flying squadrons comprised of A/OA-10, EC-130H, HC-130P and HH-60E combat-ready aircraft.

Airman 1st Class Christina Rosado, 355th Component Maintenance Squadron, installs an oil/fuel cooler on an A-10 engine.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle

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101 Critical Days of Summer

Tucson's monsoon season brings lightning and a greater need for weather-safety awareness. Knowing how to prevent injury is more important than ever.

Lightning is the second leading cause of weather deaths in the United States. Annually, it kills more people than tornados and hurricanes combined and injures about 750 people.

You can avoid lightning by staying away from certain objects in electrical storms. Keep in mind, metal objects attract lightning and conduct electricity.

Lightning is also attracted to tall objects and can travel through plumbing. Radios, trees, towers, heavy equipment, water and open fields are all commonly struck by lightning and should be avoided in a storm.

In the event of lightning or thunder, take cover. If no shelter is available, find a low area and be as close to the ground as possible without being flat on the ground. Contrary to popular belief, most lightning injuries do not come from direct strikes.

Resume activity outside only after at least 30 minutes have passed with no observed lightning or thunder.

The Desert Lightning team can avoid injury by remembering these safety precautions when LIGHTNING STRIKES!

Information courtesy 355th Wing Safety.

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Photos by Kirby Lee/The Sporting Image

First Lt. James D. Parker, 355th Services Squadron, went against 26 people in the hammer throw category at the 2005 U.S. Outdoor Track and Field Championship June 24. Lieutenant Parker placed first at the championship.

Hammer

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Lieutenant Parker has reached his goal of being a champion, although he says staying on top has its pitfalls since everyone wants to be a champ.

"When you're the top guy, everyone wants to get you," Lieutenant Parker said. "Keeping people in their place and letting them know you're the boss is a big advantage in any competition."

Balancing a career in the Air Force with the schedule of a world-class athlete requires the help from others.

"My wife and my kids sacrifice a lot so I can do this sport," Lieutenant Parker said. "I'm really proud of them. I am very thankful to D-M and my leadership has been very supportive in helping me succeed. Lt. Col. David Carrell, 355th Mission Support Group deputy commander; Maj. Christopher Lavallee, 355th SVS commander; Capt. Sirena Morris, 355th SVS combat support flight commander, and the 355th Civil Engineer Squadron have been super helpful in helping me accomplish what I've been able to."

Lt. Parker's other titles include:

- ◆ Utah State University record holder in discus; hammer throw and weight throw,
- ◆ Four-time NCAA All American Division I; hammer throw and weight throw,
- ◆ 2001 All American Division I; discus,
- ◆ 2003 U. S. Outdoor Track and Field champion; hammer throw,
- ◆ 2003 Pan-American Games silver medal; hammer throw,
- ◆ 2004 Olympic Trials Champion; hammer throw,
- ◆ 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens, Greece; hammer throw,
- ◆ 2004 Air Force Athlete of the Year,
- ◆ 2005 U.S. Outdoor Track and Field Championship; hammer throw and
- ◆ 2005 World Championship, Helsinki, Finland.



News Notes

Funeral service Saturday

Members of the Davis-Monthan community are invited to the funeral service of Christopher S. Valenzuela, son of Vicki and Master Sgt. Joey Valenzuela, 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, Saturday at Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church at 11 a.m. The church is located at 1800 S. Kolb Road. The burial is scheduled to follow at Eastlawn Cemetery. For more information, call Chief Master Sgt. Samuel Hagadorn, 355th EMS first sergeant, at 228-5876.

Claims for or against estate

Any person or persons having claims for or against the estate of Airman 1st Class Charles Richard Peterson, assigned to the 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, should contact 1st Lt. Jeffrey Baldwin, Summary Court Officer, at 228-8655.

Booking the Mountain View Conference Center

To book a conference or official function at the Mountain View Conference Center, contact Linda Lutz, 355th Wing conference center director, at 228-3832. To book a party, wedding or any other functions, call Danda Anthis at 228-3301.

New MSS hours of operation

The following are the new hours of operation for the Military Personnel Flight:

- ◆ Customer Service: 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Military in uniform have priority from 7:30 to 9 a.m. and noon to 2 p.m.
- ◆ Records: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. To check out records Tuesday between 7:30 and 9:30 a.m., visit Customer Service.
- ◆ Employments: appointments are available from 8 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 4 p.m. Walk-ins are accepted from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- ◆ Outbound Assignments: by appointment only.
- ◆ Formal training: appointments from 8 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 4 p.m. Walk-ins are accepted from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- ◆ Retirements and Separations: by appointment only.
- ◆ Reenlistments: appointments from 8 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 4 p.m. Walk-ins are accepted between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.
- ◆ Evaluations, Promotions and Testing and the Personnel Readiness Unit are all open to customers from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Airmen were saved from the consequences of driving under the influence by the Airmen Against Drunk Driving Program since Dec. 31. Individuals interested in volunteering should contact Airman 1st Class Logan English, AADD scheduler, at 228-6674.

Call AADD at
850-2233

Friday and Saturday from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. For more information regarding AADD, see the Web site <https://aadd> on the D-M Intranet.

Terrorism history

July 5, 1991, The Tupac Katari Guerrilla Army carried out its first terrorist act — blowing up an electric power pylon in the La Paz suburb of El Alto.

Air Force recognizes historical name of Iraqi air base

By Capt. David Small

U.S. Central Command Air Forces
Forward Public Affairs

SOUTHWEST ASIA — What's in a name? In the case of Ali Base, years of history.

Ali Base, situated near the city of An Nasiriyah, in south central Iraq, is the main airfield in southern Iraq from which Iraqi, coalition and U.S. Airmen operate. Until January, coalition forces called the base Tallil. Now, all use the legacy name: Ali Base.

"Our Iraqi partners have always referred to this installation as Ali Base," said Col. Dennis Diggett, former 407th Air Expeditionary Group commander at the base.

"It appears that sometime after Operation Desert Storm in the early 1990s, Ali Base was incorrectly labeled 'Tallil' on Department of Defense maps," said Lt. Gen. Walter E. Buchanan III, U.S. Central Command Air Forces commander. "It's a bit of a mystery. We don't know why that was done."

The discrepancy came to light in January at a joint ceremony where Iraqi and coalition forces stood up the 23rd Squadron, the new Iraqi air force's C-130 Hercules unit there.

"As part of the 23rd Squadron activation cer-

emony, Maj. Gen. Kamal Abdul Satar Al-Barazanchi, chief of staff of the Iraqi air force, unveiled a new sign: Ali Base. We learned then that the base had always been Ali," General Buchanan said. "In fact, we learned that General Kamal himself had even been the Ali Base commander during part of the Iran-Iraq War."

General Buchanan said he looks on that day as a milestone in the cooperation between the U.S. Air Force and the new Iraqi air force.

"It was a great day for our partnership. We assisted Iraq by giving them three C-130s and committing to training Iraqi pilots, navigators and (maintainers) so they can in turn work to secure stability for their own country," the general said. "I thought it was a great sign of our mutual respect that General Kamal and his staff were willing to tell us about our oversight."

General Buchanan then directed Airmen to call Ali Base by its legacy name.

Because Tallil had become the commonplace name used by Airmen but was never its official name, there was no need to take any official act to rename it Ali Base, CENTAF officials said. Coordination is under way with the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency to incorporate the revision into future charts and maps.

"Ali Base has a history that is important to the local Iraqi community, and as coalition partners, it is important we respect that," General Buchanan said.

Built in the 1970s, it served as the busiest military airfield during Iraq's war with Iran in the 1980s, it is now home to the 407th Air Expeditionary Group, the Iraqi air force's 23rd Squadron, and the Army's Logistics Support Areas Cedar and Adder.

When the 1991 Gulf War occurred, the airfield was heavily bombed and virtually destroyed. Ultimately, the base became off limits to Iraqi forces while U.S. and British patrols enforced the no-fly zone over southern Iraq.

Airmen in air and space expeditionary force rotations with Ali Base as an endpoint can expect some confusion concerning the name change, officials said. No money will be spent to correct institutional discrepancies between the two names, having erred in calling it Tallil for so long, CENTAF officials said.

Some of these institutional discrepancies include e-mail on the global address list, administrative codes, phone books and directories. Many of these things have already been corrected here, but may be slow to change throughout the rest of the Air Force.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle

Sneakin' a peek

(From left to right) Amber and Airman 1st Class Ramiro Villalobos, 55th Rescue Squadron, and their son, Gabe, look out the window at their backyard with Jerry Clark, Sundt Construction project manager. Airman Villalobos and his family are one of the families scheduled to move into the new housing that is currently being built on base. The next step in the construction project includes installing cupboards and kitchen counters, along with flooring throughout the home. The homes are scheduled to be ready for move in as early as October. The 93 new homes are valued at approximately \$19.4 million.

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Premier Facility Programs. The D-M Fitness Center was first designated as a 5-Star Facility in 2003, making it the first 5-Star Facility in ACC and one of 11 in the Air Force.

ACC Fitness Centers are assessed annually through the U.S. Air Force 5-Star program. Over the last two years, ACC has increased the number of 5-Star Fitness Centers from one to four. Those receiving 5-Star ratings are recognized with a plaque at the annual Athletic Business Conference. Currently, Davis-Monthan, Dyess Air Force Base, Texas; Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D. and Langley Air Force Base, Va., have achieved 5-Star excellence recognition and all have achieved DoD Premier Facility status. According to the letter informing commanders of the accomplishment, these bases are the first in the Air Force to achieve that status.

"Receiving this recognition shows how dedicated the D-M Fitness Center staff is to making sure our Airmen are fit to fight and physically ready to deploy," said Col. Cesar Rodriguez, 355th Mission Support Group commander. "I am extremely proud of the work they have accomplished. They are an integral reason why MSG ROCKS."

The D-M Fitness Center will receive official recognition at the annual Athletic Business Conference in Orlando, Fla., Nov. 28 through 30.

Motorcycle safety:

Taking time to know regulations, hydrating properly can prevent injury, save lives

By Master Sgt. Brian Blangsted
Motorcycle Advisory Council
vice president

Motorcyclists are a unique breed. Riding is an enjoyment that has others scratching their heads when they see motorcyclists riding in the heat of the summer.

With summer underway, motorcyclists new to Tucson need to be aware of the unique hazards associated with the desert environment. Riding in Arizona requires forethought before heading out. To get to many Arizona destinations, riders have to ride in desolate areas where a break-down can become a serious problem. A cell phone, water and Wingman will go a long way towards survival.

Rapid dehydration is a major problem during summer riding. Dehydration produces a decrease in your ability to stay alert, and waiting to hydrate until you feel thirsty is waiting too long.

According to *Survival Outdoors*, sweat rates can be as high as one-

half liter per hour, or roughly 12 liters a day. For rides beyond 20 minutes, having a source of hydration while riding will help combat dehydration and fight the feeling of exhaustion.

For riders who find themselves caught traveling during the hottest time of the day, an old desert-dweller trick is soaking a shirt or two with water to wear underneath your crash protection. This method works best in conjunction with mesh motorcycle jackets. The rapid evaporation of the water from the shirts at highway speed will almost make the shirts cold. The effect slowly reverses, and in an hour's time the shirts will become completely dry. When the sun is blazing hot and temperatures are in the triple digits, this method will help the body maintain a healthy temperature and keep motorcyclist more alert as they head to their destination.

A popular activity for a desert-dwelling rider wanting to avoid the heat is nighttime riding. As always, being purposely visible is best, and

for the nighttime, a reflective garment is a must, per AFI 91-207. Watch out for intoxicated drivers around 2 a.m. when Tucson bars close and inebriated drivers hit the road.

Approximately one in four drivers are impaired during this time, said Detective Sergeant Tim Beam, Tucson Police Department Traffic Enforcement Section. In other words, at an intersection with four vehicles, one of the drivers is most likely impaired.

Experienced riders ride with the mindset that drivers are basically blind, and intoxicated drivers can't see their dashboard, let alone a motorcycle.

While it is easy to understand that drinking alcoholic beverages and riding do not mix, drinking alcoholic beverages while the body is combating the heat is twice as deadly.

"Alcoholic beverages act as a diuretic, meaning that any water you are trying to absorb to hydrate yourself is being rapidly passed through your body before effective hydration can take place," Maj. Steven Anderson, an aerospace physiologist at the

Davis-Monthan Health and Wellness Center said. If only alcoholic beverages are being consumed ... you won't last long.

Arizona does not require helmet use for adult riders, but all military are required to wear helmets 100 percent of the time they are riding. Failing to wear your personal protective equipment as prescribed in AFI 91-207 places you in violation of the regulation and is punishable under Article 92 — failure to obey an order or regulation.

Some motorcyclist enjoy the thrill of motorcycling as a sport, and when it comes to accidents on public roads involving stunt-riding, speeding or aggressive riding, the Air Force will conduct a line-of-duty-determination and consider administrative action in association with an accident investigation. If wanting to explore the extremes of the machine, take it to the track to enjoy the sport in the proper venue.

Motorcycling is serious fun but it is serious business. Be smart, stay hydrated, stay alert and stay alive.

CRIME & Punishment

Davis-Monthan Articles 15, discharges from June 20 to July 1

◆ An airman basic assigned to the 355th SFS was **discharged** with a general service characterization for **drug abuse**, supported by one Article 15, two Letters of Counseling and three Letters of Reprimand.

◆ An airman basic assigned to the 355th Logistics Readiness Squadron was **discharged** with a general service characterization for **drug abuse**, supported by one Article 15 of the UCMJ.

◆ An airman basic assigned to the 355th LRS was **discharged** with a general service characterization for drug abuse, supported by a Special Court-Martial.

◆ A staff sergeant assigned to the 355th Security Forces Squadron received a suspended reduction to senior airman, 30 days extra duty and a reprimand for **dereliction of duty for failing to report the criminal activity of another airman**. This was a violation of Article 92 of the UCMJ.

◆ An airman first class assigned to the 355th Civil Engineer Squadron received a suspended reduction to airman and restriction to Davis-Monthan for 30 days for **failing to attend several physical health assessment appointments**. This was a violation of Article 86 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

◆ An airman first class assigned to the 358th Fighter Squadron received a suspended reduction to airman, restriction to D-M for 21 days, 45 days extra duty and a reprimand for **being absent without leave by not returning from leave on time, making a false official statement by lying to a supervisor about the reason for the delay in returning and failing to report for duty**. These were violations of Articles 86 and 107 of the UCMJ.

◆ An airman assigned to the 355th Component Maintenance Squadron received a reduction to airman basic, a suspended restriction to D-M for 30 days and 30 days extra duty for **failing to report for duty on time**. This was a violation of Article 86 of the UCMJ.

◆ An airman assigned to the 55th Rescue Squadron was **discharged** with an honorable service characterization for **unsatisfactory Performance while performing On-the-Job-Training**, supported by one Letter of Reprimand and two-time Career Development Course End-of-Course examination failures.

(Editor's note: Information courtesy of the 355th Wing Staff Judge Advocate Office. The same offense can result in different punishment for each offender. The offender's commander considers several factors when determining punishment, including the offender's service record and impact of unit discipline, cohesion and morale.)

Area Defense Counsel tip of the week

A noncommissioned officer who is being recommended for an involuntary separation must be offered a hearing by an administrative discharge board. For more information, or if you have questions, contact the Area Defense Counsel at 228-5664.

D-M requires Airmen to plan ahead when going on leave

Prior to leaving the local area, Airmen 26 years and under need to fill out a 29B. For more information, contact your supervisor or first sergeant.



Top: Senior Airman Bambi Brown, 40th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron deployed from Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark. sets caps and a detonation cord in preparation for a firepower demonstration at a forward-deployed location.



Right: A van loaded with C-4 explodes as part of a firepower demonstration at a forward-deployed location. Airmen with the 40th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron's explosive ordnance disposal flight participated in the demonstration along with security forces Airmen and British royal marines.

Initial success or total failure; no in between for EOD

By Master Sgt. Rich Romero
40th Air Expeditionary Group
Public Affairs

OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM — One job for civil engineers does not allow for mistakes. It is either initial success or total failure.

It's been said explosive ordnance disposal units are made up of people of doubtful reliability and questionable mentality, said Tech. Sgt. Thomas Cowern, 40th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron's EOD flight chief at a forward-deployed location. They have a job where even at this location mistakes are not tolerated because just one could result in death.

"Safety is our No. 1 priority," said Senior Airman Bambi Brown, an explosive ordnance disposal technician deployed here from Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark. "In school, you virtually fail for missing one safety question. We never walk out the door without conducting a safety briefing."

Their mission is to neutralize hazards from explosive ordnance or explosive devices which, because of unusual circumstances, present a threat to operations, installations, people or

other assets, said Sergeant Cowern who is deployed from Westover Air Reserve Base, Mass.

"In the simplest terms ... we blow (stuff) up," Airman Brown said.

Although simply stated, it is not a task the team's Airmen take lightly. The first day they arrived at this location, they disposed of a hung flare on a bomber. Since then, they also responded to a suspected armed fuse on a joint direct attack munition, which turned out not to have been armed.

Tech. Sgt. Will Clemmons, noncommissioned officer in charge of EOD flight operations, recently returned from a five-day trip with the British royal marine commandos to sink illegal fishing vessels.

"That mission didn't pan out," said Sergeant Clemmons who is deployed from Charleston Air Force Base, S.C. "We weren't able to pull the first boat off the reef into deep water, so we ended up having to leave it. The second boat turned up missing."

Two of their primary missions are to handle any hazard associated with aircraft munitions and to respond to in-flight emergencies. They also have

a force-protection role. With aircraft in the air at any time day or night, they have two technicians on call 24 hours daily.

"Every day is different," Sergeant Clemmons said. "You never know what kind of environment you're going to be in. One day you'll be giving end-of-runway classes to people, and the next day you'll be on patrol with the British royal marine commandos."

Unlike many other jobs in the theater of operations, the environment here does not pose any real challenges for EOD. The biggest limitation is a lack of equipment, such as C-4 explosives, detonators and blasting caps, to conduct training.

"Even though the British royal marines own the (explosives) range, they let us determine what we can and can't do out there," Airman Brown said. "Our only limitation is we don't have enough bang."

While some people joke that anyone who wants to join EOD must be insane, Airman Brown feels just the opposite.

"Come on, anyone who would turn down the opportunity to blow (stuff)



Photos by Staff Sgt. Jocelyn Rich

Senior Airmen Steven Cayton prepares a detonation cord for a firepower demonstration at a forward-deployed location. He is an explosive ordnance disposal technician with the 40th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron and is deployed from Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.

up is insane," Airman Brown said. "We're the sanest people around. It's most everyone else who is insane."

Insane or not, their job is a blast.

Taking care of guests number one priority for lodging team

By Chris Sweeney
355th Services Squadron

The Inn on Davis-Monthan's lodging team has successfully used their valuable customer feedback program to make a variety of improvements at their facility in preparation for the 2005 Innkeeper Award competition.

The Inn is competing for their second-straight award and they have used their in-depth customer feedback program to help them prepare once again.

"Guest feedback is the key to our success and it is used daily to make improvements," said Dan Baker, 355th Services Squadron Inn on Davis-Monthan lodging manager. "All of our guests are requested to provide us feedback when they are checking out. Our guests are generous with their positive comments, but they also provide us with an accurate assessment of our quarters."

"Any discrepancies brought to the lodging team's attention are handled immediately," said David Ruiz, 355th SVS Inn on Davis-Monthan house-keeping manager. "Any new or innovative ideas are brainstormed at our lodging quarter's improvement committee meetings and if we determine a need, we pursue a plan to institute."

"A recent example was a guest using our handi-

cap quarters who identified several areas that needed to be looked at, so we ran it through the LQIC and recommended solutions," Mr. Ruiz said. "The problem was access to the bathroom with a wheel chair. We had a special shelf built for the phone and clock radio that is attached to the wall, eliminating the nightstand, relocated the bed ensuring there was sufficient room to maneuver a wheel chair. We listen to what our guests say and act on those suggestions."

Some other key initiatives the lodging team implemented as a result of customer feedback were appliance instruction information placed in all rooms to help guests use their appliances. In addition, guest requests for picnic areas helped the Inn get ramada's and barbeque areas. Adding local souvenirs to the resale operation, instituting a turn down service, updating the parking lot and adding high speed internet were all the result of guest's requests.

The Inn helps to develop and nurture Airmen by providing an environment which ensures guests are well rested and ready. In addition to the suggestions received by guests, the Inn also uses positive feedback to continue to provide their service.

"We get feedback almost daily from our guests

that speaks to the high level of service they have come to expect and appreciate from our staff," Mr. Baker said. "While we get a great deal of positive feedback, we appreciate each and every comment. The staff takes these comments and uses them to push ahead with additional vigor and a desire to provide the best service possible."

The lodging team's dedication to their customers and to promoting installation stewardship is present in the more than \$150,000 spent on the variety of projects to improve their facility over the past year. The staff at the Inn on Davis-Monthan hopes these improvements will increase the positive feedback they receive from their customers.

"I have personally reviewed the vast amount of positive and constructive feedback provided by our customers," said Maj. Christopher Lavalley, 355th SVS commander. "Our lodging customers recognize the Inn on Davis-Monthan is one of the best in the Air Force. The Inn's team is continually making improvements in every facet of their operation and they are truly deserving of repeating as the 2005 Innkeeper award winners."

The Lodging team Innkeeper evaluation is presently underway through Saturday and the winner will be announced in August.

Prevention

Commander experiences loss throughout career

By Lt. Col. Ronald Montgomery
607th Air Control Squadron, commander

I can remember it as though it were yesterday, I was a young first lieutenant sitting in my flight room at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., when the news spread that one of our squadron members had killed himself. The effect of that information was devastating as people tried to sort out how such a thing could happen to someone who seemed to be doing all right. We were all shocked and caught off guard.

Several years later, as the Director of Operations for the 729th Air Control Squadron, Hill Air Force Base, Utah, I again was faced with the ugly specter of suicide. One of my troops had ended her life while in training at Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.; ironically at the 607th ACS, the unit I now command. She was only at Hill for about three weeks before she left for training. Not too many people knew her, but the demoralizing impact of her suicide on the squadron was instantaneous. As her DO, I had a very difficult time with her death. There was the guilt of not really knowing her all that well. I racked my brain trying to remember if she gave any indication of her mental state. There were none, as I remember, she was always pleasant when I saw her in the hallway. Nevertheless, she had taken her own life and her Air Force family and her own family were left to try to put together why she made this horrible decision.

I wish the story ended there and I could tell

you that the squadron recovered and continued business as usual. Unfortunately, this was not the case. Almost a month to the day later, we had another squadron member kill himself. This time it was in Utah at his apartment outside the base. This individual had just finished jail time for a Uniform Code of Military Justice violation and was to be administratively discharged from the Air Force.

Here we had two individuals on the "periphery" of the squadron; one just arrived, one on his way out, but neither really well known. Nevertheless, the debilitating effect their deaths had on the morale of the 729th cannot be overstated. It was like a malaise, a thick fog of sorrow and depression that we just couldn't shake. Add to this the fact that those suicides seemed to make it a viable option for a few others who were having problems. We had several people either make attempts or suggest that they wanted to hurt themselves. For the leadership, the constant scrutiny and questioning was unbearable. "What are you guys doing?" "What are you going to do to change things?" The fact that our commander didn't give up or "take it out on the squadron" is a testament to his mental toughness and professionalism. The truth was we weren't doing anything different than we had done before the suicides. We unfortunately, weren't well trained in recognizing those stressors that can lead to suicide.

I am proud to say that after several months, the unit did recover. We got people the help they

needed through life skills and we really began to talk about taking care of, and looking out for, one another. We did several exercise deployments and many other training events that were able to get our troops focused back on the mission. Slowly, but surely, we turned the corner, but I must say those five to six months starting on that fateful day in July were the worst of my 19-year Air Force career.

I know to a lot of you, all this emphasis on wingmen and such, along with multiple suicide prevention training classes seems tedious and a waste of time. Please take it seriously. Get to know your friends, coworkers, and subordinates. We're not asking you to be Dr. Phil, but be aware of mood changes, pay attention to those stressors that could lead to suicide such as relationship, substance abuse and work-related, legal and financial issues. You'd be amazed at what someone may tell you if you just talk to them. Don't be afraid to step in and help. It's better to intervene and be wrong, than have a suspicion, do nothing, and be right.

I don't know if we could have prevented the tragic and needless loss of life we experienced back then had we gone through the training we have today. It's hard to say. I know it couldn't have hurt. Perhaps someone close to those three could have recognized the signs and intervened. We'll never know.

There's nothing we can do to change the past, but we can help change the lives of others in the present.

D-M offers Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training will be offered at Davis-Monthan July 20 and 21. The Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training program helps Airmen by teaching them how to recognize warning signs of suicide while also giving instruction on how to prevent it. Anyone interested in attending the class should contact Staff Sgt. Jennifer Coburn, 355th Wing Chapel, at 228-5411.

Final Answer — What is your best tip for someone making a permanent change of station move?



**Master Sgt.
Kevin Labrie**
355th Services
Squadron

"Get a jump start on your outprocessing and anything else you need to get done. PCSing is as easy as you make it."



**Capt.
Marc Gasbarro**
355th Operations
Support Squadron

"Find out about the city's schools, its crime rate, property taxes and pet and child care. Talk to realtors if you're going to buy a house."



**Chief Master Sgt.
Robert Franklin**
355th Operations
Group

"Find out about where you're going and learn everything you can before you pack one box."



**Master Sgt.
Carl Stanley**
755th Aircraft
Maintenance Squadron

"Don't wait on your outprocessing."



**Airman 1st Class
Thomas Rivenburg**
355th Contracting
Squadron

"Make sure you coordinate with the traffic management office so your PCS goes smoothly."



**Tech. Sgt.
Allen Guest**
355th Security
Forces Squadron

"Make sure you have constant contact with your sponsor. Get proactive and get engaged."

(Editors note: Next week's Final Answer question is: **"Where are you going or where have you been on vacation this summer?"** If you would like to submit an answer contact the **Desert Airman** staff at desert.airman@dm.af.mil or Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle at 228-5092.)



Photo by Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle

Lt. Col. Benny Martin, 355th Security Forces Squadron commander, watches Airman 1st Class Atchley Slider, 355th SFS, clear her M-4 before turning it into the armory. Clearing the weapon is a precaution to ensure it is safe.

355th SFS names new commander

The men and women of the 355th Security Forces Squadron have one of the most diverse missions in the Air Force. The Davis-Monthan 'Desert Defenders' provide worldwide force protection and security support, protecting local alert fighter operations, seven flying squadrons, eight tenant units from four major commands and 4,500 tactical and stored aircraft spread over 10,610 acres worth \$32 billion.

Lt. Col. Benny Martin assumed command of the 355th SFS June 23.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle

Lt. Col. Peter Brewer, 355th Medical Support Squadron commander, discusses the squadron's deployed mission with Senior Airman Covito Redman, 355th MDSS. Airman Redman is the 2004 355th Wing Airman of the Year.

355th MDSS receives commander

The 355th Medical Support Squadron plans and directs \$18 million in resource acquisition and health services delivery. They provide group logistical and support activities for four operational squadrons with more than 400 members. The MDSS also manages medical group financial and manpower programs, facilities, logistics, administrative support information systems, managed care, ancillary services, staff education and training and readiness.

Lt. Col. Peter Brewer assumed command of the 355th MDSS June 20.

Sonoran Spotlight



(Editor's note: Sonoran Spotlight is a weekly feature of the Desert Airman that profiles a member — officer, enlisted or civilian — of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.)

This week's Sonoran Spotlight is Tech. Sgt. Cori Croteau of the 563rd Maintenance Squadron. Sergeant Croteau is the NCO in charge of special programs. According to Capt. William Maxwell, maintenance operations officer, she was nominated for the spotlight because, "Sergeant Croteau is a model NCO. She is highly motivated and dedicated to the mission and the squadron."

The following are Sergeant Croteau's responses to a variety of questions.

What has been your best assignment and why? The Pentagon, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy. I worked with the best leaders in all the government.

What is the best advice you've received in the Air Force? Take care of each other. We're all in this together.

What is your most memorable moment in the Air Force? I was working in the Pentagon Sept. 11, 2001 when the plane crashed into it.

If you were an Air Force recruiter, what would you tell people about the Air Force? It's like joining the largest family in the world. We take care of each other.

What are your career goals? I want to



Photo by Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle

retire after 20 years, make senior master sergeant and finish my bachelor's degree in human resources.

Name someone who inspires you (or who you admire): U.S. Navy Capt. (Ret.) Paul Hulley. He is a great leader who focused on the mission while taking care of the people. He expected nothing less than the best from me.



Photo illustration by Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy

Proud to be an American...

Dan Offret (left) and Gary Morgan, both of Tucson, Ariz., show support for D-M's Airmen at the Wilmot Road Gate June 30. Greeting Airmen as they arrive for work is how they show support for the troops and Operation Iraqi Freedom.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Lanie McNeal

Hunter Albrandt, son of Dana and Senior Airman Chris Albrandt, 48th Rescue Squadron, rides a mechanical bull at Davis-Monthan's Fourth of July Celebration at Bama Park. The event included a kid's zone with a disc jockey; live entertainment featuring the band Renegade; more than 10 booths of food, beverages and novelties; a bungee run and more. Monday's events concluded with a fireworks display.

Fourth of July celebration goes off with bang at D-M



Top: Kambri Koon, daughter of Melanie and Capt. Rob Koon, 12th Air Force, gets her face painted at Davis-Monthan's celebration. This year's Fourth of July celebration marks America's 229th birthday.

Left: The Fourth of July festivities at Davis-Monthan concluded with a fireworks display at Bama Park.

Technology

Planes of 90s, beyond

By Capt. Tony Wickman

Alaskan Command
Public Affairs

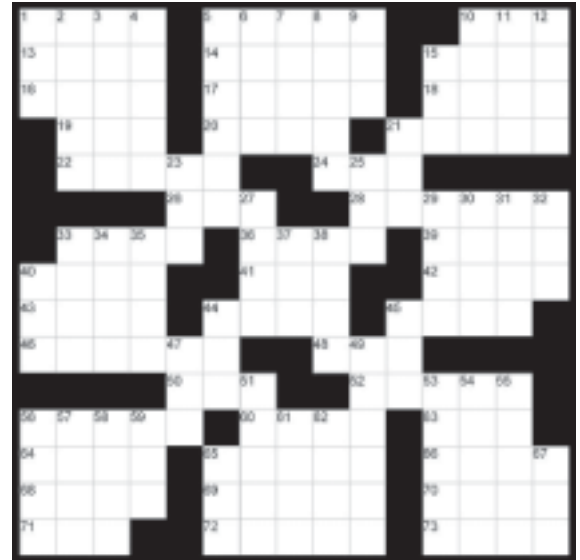
Across

1. Slightly open
5. Native American people in Missouri/Kansas
10. Pacific continent, in short
13. Kimono
14. Musical instrument
15. Ancient Peruvian empire
16. Iranian currency
17. Snare drum
18. Immediately in the ER
19. Federal cryptology org.
20. Middle East inhabitant
21. Callow
22. T-6
24. Hurricane center
26. Former kingdom of Tunis ruler
28. F-22
33. Alaska town
36. Epochs
39. Lemon alternative
40. Gag

41. ___ Arbor
42. Oklahoma town
43. Mocks
44. This and ___
45. Free trade agreement, in short
46. Large boats
48. Flightless bird
50. Records, in short
52. Molecules
56. Agenda
60. Paves a road
63. Swab the deck
64. Cain's brother
65. Range
66. Away from the wind
68. Christmas carol
69. Examination
70. RQ-4 Global ___
71. Barbie's friend
72. Questioner
73. Rear

Down

1. Flight info.
2. E-8
3. Crush
4. Loosen
5. Gas pump number
6. Char
7. Actress Jessica
8. C-17
9. Runway ending, in brief
10. Against
11. Future combat system X-45
12. Fulfill
15. A rose ___ rose...
21. Teacher's org.
23. Honest ___, Lincoln nickname
25. What wks. lead to
27. Cheer
29. Defendants' response to charges
30. Hue
31. Forget
32. ___ Sea
33. California wine valley
34. Oil cartel
35. Lattice
37. Cell genetic info
38. Poker bet
40. T-1 ___ hawk



(Solutions for this puzzle are located on Page 21.)

44. Kitchen meas.
45. To destroy, as a fire
47. Give affection, in short
49. See 8 Down
51. See 2 Down
53. D-Day beach
54. Tooth
55. Erupts
56. Army vehicle
57. Musical instrument
58. Hammer part
59. Sick
61. Madly
62. Bumpkin
65. College student concern
67. ___! A mouse!



Photos by Master Sgt. Duane Judy

Maj. Kelly Kanavel, 355th Security Forces Squadron, takes a moment to enjoy a friendly sea lion while scuba diving. Divers have the opportunity to experience a wide variety of wildlife like this while in the water.

Blow bubbles

Outdoor Recreation dives into scuba season

By Staff Sgt. Cat Casaigne
355th Wing Public Affairs

Davis-Monthan Outdoor Recreation now offers scuba diving lessons to Desert Lightning Team members and will certify divers through the National Association of Underwater Divers Worldwide.

The first class was held June 11 through 12 and additional classes will be offered July 23 through 24 and Aug. 20 through 21. The cost of the class is \$85 and includes instruction, all materials and equipment needed. The classes are 6:30 to 11 a.m. at the outdoor base pool with class instruction following each pool session.

"After completing the pool/classroom weekend, we head to San Carlos, Mexico for a graduation dive trip," said Mike Chenevert, a dive instructor who has taught classes at all levels and has arranged dive trips since 1980. "Trips are offered in July and August so the student can earn open water certification."

The optional dive trip costs \$230 and includes a three day boat dive from a large charter boat, two nights lodging and the use of all equipment.

"To my knowledge, this is by far the least expensive class/dive trip combo for getting certified as a diver," Mr. Chenevert said.

Master Sgt. Duane Judy, 355th Wing Plans and Inspections, encourages everyone to try scuba diving. He has been scuba diving for five years and said the beauty of what he sees when snorkeling, such as the color of the fish, the coral that provides them safety and the unknown of what lays underneath the limitations of earthly bonds is what attracted him to diving.

"I totally enjoy every aspect of diving," he said.

"Two-thirds of the Earth's surface is covered in water and has been called 'the last frontier.' Certainly curiosity peaks the interest of those who venture near or in the water. When snorkeling, I would always wonder what things really looked like below the surface. Sure, I watch the undersea documentaries, but it just seemed intangible. The feeling I had, and still get, when I started diving was one of relaxation and a closeness with nature that I never felt before."

Sergeant Judy, who first started diving while stationed in Guam, said that diving helps give him peace of mind.

"Another great aspect of diving is interacting (non-contact) with the denizens of the deep," he said. "Seeing these amazing creatures up close and personal truly gives you a much better appreciation for how important and fragile their existence is and how important they are to us as humans. One of the best experiences I ever had diving was during a night dive on a wreck in Apra Harbor, Guam. It was a full moon that night and the deck of the ship was teeming with crabs and fish and other tiny critters. My partner and I turned off our dive lights and just watched the show from the light of the moon. I don't think I have ever felt calmer or more relaxed in my life! The best part of all is being in the military — you get to travel to places most only read about. My wife and I have been lucky enough to dive in Guam, Hawaii, Australia and Mexico — some of the top dives sites in the world!"

To sign up for the D-M scuba class no later than a week prior or for more information, call Outdoor Recreation at 228-3736.

Sports Shorts

Biathlon Series

The Davis-Monthan Biathlon Series is the second series of swimming and running events offered by Outdoor Recreation in 2005. The Biathlon Series events are designed to promote swimming and running as lifelong recreational activities that support personal fitness goals. Two different events will be offered each month at the Indoor Fitness Pool; sprint and distance. The sprint event will include a 500-meter swim and a 1.5-mile run. The distance portion will include a 1,200-meter swim and a 4.5-mile run. Participants may choose which events they would like to participate in. Event dates are Saturday and Aug. 13. Check-in and instructions will begin at 6:30 a.m. each day. For more information, or to sign up, stop by the Indoor Fitness Pool's Lifeguard Office or call 228-0015.

Preteen Horse Camp

Preteens from the Davis-Monthan community are invited to participate in a Horse Camp Monday through July 15. Participants will go to Pantano Stables on Houghton Road and will learn how to care, saddle and ride a horse. The camp sessions are 8 to 11:30 a.m. each day. The cost is \$70 per person. Space is limited and permission slips are required. For more information regarding the Horse Camp, or to sign up, call 338-8844 or 228-8373.

Men's Soccer Team try-outs

All active-duty personnel, reservists, guard and military dependents 18 years of age and older are invited to attend open try-outs for the 2005-2006 Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Men's Soccer Team. The try-outs begin July 19 and will be every Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m. on the football field behind the Auto Hobby Shop. For more information regarding the soccer team or the try-outs, contact Tech. Sgt. Jason Bowersock at 228-4849 or at jason.bowersock@dm.af.mil or contact Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Carpenter at 228-0006 or at benjamin.carpenter@dm.af.mil.

Teen summer programs

The Youth Center's Teen Summer Outdoor Adventure Program allows teens to experience outdoor adventure in a fun and positive way. The next trip individuals can sign up for is to San Diego July 22 through 24 where participants can surf, camp and study marine life. Those interested should sign up by July 20. Aug. 1 through 4 there is a trip to Camp Pendleton. Teens can have fun camping on the beach at one of the world's largest bases. Camp Pendleton offers miles of surf right in the heart of southern California. For more information, stop by the Youth Center, or call 228-8844 or 228-8373.

Sports Shorts

CGOC golf tournament

The D-M Company Grade Officers' Counsel hosts a base-wide golf tournament July 22 at Blanchard Golf Course. Sign in for the tournament begins at 11 a.m. and the shotgun start is at 12:30 p.m. The cost of the four person scramble format tournament is \$25 for CGOC members and \$35 for all others. The entry fee includes 18 holes of golf, a cart, two mulligans, one red bomber, 12 inches of birdie string and a good time. There will be prizes for the top three teams, closest to the pin, longest drive and hole in one on all par threes. Participants also have the chance to win a 2005 Nissan Titan, trip for two on Southwest Airlines, set of Callaway Irons, electronics and more. The deadline for registration is July 20 or until all slots are filled. To register a team, contact 2nd Lt. William Chalmers at 603-8967.

Weight Loss Challenge

D-M hosts a weight loss challenge from Aug. 1 through Oct. 31

to help encourage the base community to lose any extra pounds. Exercise sessions will be conducted by the Base Fitness Program Manager, Cesar Vinueza, on the basketball court of the Fitness and Sports Center Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 6 to 7 a.m. In addition, participants can enroll in optional nutrition sessions. There will be prizes for all participants, teams and individuals who lose the most weight during the three month period. Active-duty members have first priority to the challenge but, space permitting, family members, retirees, reservists and government employees are also welcome. To sign up, contact Mr. Vinueza at cesar.vinueza@dm.af.mil. Participants accepted on a first-come first-served basis.

Gymnastics classes

The Youth Center offers summer gymnastics classes for children ages 3 to 15 years. The cost is \$35 per month for four classes. Class instruction is for beginner to advanced gymnastics. Classes are held Wednesday nights at 5:30 p.m. for beginners ages 3 to 5 years, 6:30 p.m. for beginners and intermediate

ages 5 to 8 years and 7:30 p.m. for intermediate and advanced ages 8 to 15 years. For more information regarding the classes, or to sign up, call 228-8844.

Bowling Center specials

The Bowling Center offers a variety of summer specials that run through Aug. 15 for the Davis-Monthan community. A few of the specials include kids bowling free Monday, Family Cosmic bowling from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and Family Dollar Days Thursday in which each game and shoe rental are \$1 all day. For more information, call 228-3461.

Air Force Marathon

The ninth annual Air Force Marathon will be held at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio Sept. 17. Marathon events include the 26.2 mile full marathon, half-marathon, four-person relay, wheelchair race and a 5k race. The race is open to the public and the registration deadline is Sept. 2. For more information, visit the Air Force Marathon Web site at <http://afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil> or call (937) 257-4350 or (800) 467-1823.

Intramurals

Golf

The following scores are provided by Davis-Monthan's Blanchard Golf Course. All scores are current as of June 24. For more information regarding the standings, call the course at 228-3734.

Tuesday Standings

Team	W-L-T	GB	Points
372 TRS/DET 11	5-0-0	---	55 (44)
355 CS #1	3-1-0	1.5	33 (10)
355 LRS	3-1-0	1.5	31 (-31)
355 CES	2-1-0	2	26 (16)
355 MOS	2-1-0	2	20 (-1)
563 MXS	1-2-0	3	11 (-7)
355 SFS	0-2-1	3.5	10 (-19)
755 AMXS	0-3-1	4	11 (-22)
355 AMXS (AMARC)	0-2-0	5	4 (-33)
355 EMS	0-3-0	5	3 (-25)

Wednesday Standings

Team	W-L-T	GB	Points
355 MED	4-0-0	---	43 (-5)
355 CMS	4-0-0	---	32 (21)
12 AF	3-1-0	1	39 (12)
355 MXS	2-1-1	1.5	29 (4)
755 OSS	1-0-2	1.5	13 (6)
355 WING	1-2-1	2.5	18 (-10)
355 CS #2	1-2-1	2.5	6 (-63)
355 EMS	0-2-1	3	13 (0)
355 CPTS	0-4-0	4	16 (-32)
563 RQG	0-4-0	4	1 (-66)



Chapel Information

Services and activities offered by the D-M chapels are listed below. For more information on Jewish or Muslim services; Sunday School programs; Vacation Bible School; Bible studies; youth groups; and ministries, call 228-5411.

Catholic Mass schedule

Saturday: The First Saturday Mass in July will be held Saturday at 9 a.m. in Hope Chapel. The Mass will be followed by a breakfast fellowship. For more information, call Jeff Morgan at 574-2567.

Mass is at 5 p.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Sunday: Mass is at 9:45 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Protestant Services schedule

Sunday: Contemporary Service is at 9:45 a.m. and Gospel Service is at 11:15 a.m. at Hope Chapel. Traditional Service is also at 11:15 a.m. but at Desert Dove Chapel.

Summer Vacation Bible School

The Davis-Monthan Chapel will host a Summer Vacation Bible School for children ages 3 to 10 years at the Hope Chapel Annex Monday through July 15. The school is from 6 to 8:30 p.m. and the theme for this year is, 'Super Cool Undersea Bible Adventure.' Each night children will learn songs, do crafts, play games, learn lessons, and enjoy refreshments. Registration is now open. For more information, or to reserve a place call the chapel office at 228-5411. Please note that space is limited.

Education Services

Education survey access

The Base Training and Education Services Office is conducting an Education Survey. The survey can be accessed through the D-M Intranet for on-base students at <https://355mss/Surveys.htm>. Off-base students who use the Internet can also access the survey at www.dm.af.mil/educate. Once the survey is completed, click on submit. For more information, call Norma White at 228-4249.

Conversational Arabic

Pima Community College has tentative dates and times for a Conversational Arabic class. The dates are Monday through Sept. 2 in Building 4101, Room 6. Classes are Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The class is limited to 30 students. No books will be required as the instructor will be issuing training handouts. To sign up, or for more information, call 206-4866 or send an e-mail to lberden@pima.edu.

ACT test date correction

The next Academic Aptitude Test will be administered July 22 at 8 a.m. in Building 3200, Room 265. A minimum of five students must sign up to take the test or it will be cancelled. For more information, call Norma White at 228-4249 or Rafael Maldonado at 228-3484.

AWC Seminar Guidebook

The Air War College Nonresident Program has posted the new Seminar Guidebook to be used



Photo by Staff Sgt. Lanie McNeal

Honoring Old Glory

Airmen from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base's Elite Honor Guard perform a flag folding ceremony during a retirement ceremony for Col. Stanley Uchman (background right), 355th Medical Group. The ceremony was presided by Brig. Gen. Joseph Reynes Jr. (background left), U.S. Central Command. The flag being folded has significant meaning for Colonel Uchman. It has only 48 stars and was used to drape his father's casket.

for the traditional start of the August 2005 seminar on their Web site at <http://www.au.af.mil/au/awc/awc-ns15.htm>. The guidebook can also be used for those students desiring to start a later seminar. Online enrollment is required, indicating a preference for group learning. Once at the Web site, click on the Student Information System link to begin the enrollment process. For more information, call Phil King at 228-3812, Norma White at 228-4249 or Rafael Maldonado at 228-3484.

Family Support Center

Pre-separation Counseling

This class is mandatory for all Airmen separating from the Air Force and will take place at the Family Support Center Tuesday and July 19 from 9 to 10 a.m. This class will acquaint departing members with services and agencies available to help transition to the civilian workforce. The class size is limited to 20 attendees and should be scheduled no later than 90 days before separating. To sign up, call 228-5690.

Time for Tots

The next Time for Tots will be held Wednesday at the Children's Museum from 10 to 11 a.m. and July 20 at the Desert Dove Chapel from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Come and meet other parents while the children enjoy fun and activities. For more information, or for reservations for the Children's Museum, call Jen Dunn at 529-5731.

Sponsorship Training

To learn how to make a great first impression

for new members assigned to base, attend the Family Support Center's Sponsorship Class Wednesday from 8 to 9 a.m. in Building 3210. This class is required for sponsors and covers effective sponsorship and offers useful resources and information. To sign up, call 228-5690.

Happenings

Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop, located on Ironwood Street across from the D-M Bowling Center, will be closed during the month of July.

Tobacco Cessation Classes

For those who want to stop using tobacco, the Health and Wellness Center offers a class to help. The next Tobacco Cessation Classes are Tuesday through Aug. 23 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Aug. 10 through Sept. 21 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. There are eight sessions over the seven weeks and the classes meet once a week. For more information, call 228-2294 or 228-1003.

For those who want to quit smoking, but don't have the time to attend a course, the HAWC may have a solution for you. Members of the Davis-Monthan community are now able to make a phone call and have a consultation with a Certified Registered Nurse or Respiratory Lung Therapist from the American Lung Association. No appointment is required. Those interested can call 1-800-548-8252 Monday through Friday between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. central standard time and let the technician know they are from D-M. Individuals must call once a week for eight weeks to get nicotine replacement therapy refills.

Services Happenings

Information for the Services Activities section of the Desert Airman is courtesy of Chris Sweeney, 355th Services Squadron. For more information regarding this section, contact Mr. Sweeney directly at 228-7352.

Car Wash Closure

The Auto Skills Center Car Wash will be closed until July 15 for renovations. For more information, call 228-3614.

Preteen Girl Power Day

There will be a Preteen Girl Power Day, a program of prevention that educates girls about healthy attitudes and lifestyles, at the Community Center Tuesday from 8 a.m. to noon. Topics include physical and emotional growth; media influence and body image; eating disorders; exercise and physical activity; sexually transmitted diseases; the importance of regular exams; culture and food and more. For more information regarding Preteen Girl Power Day, contact Kathy Sands at 228-8373.

Openings at CDCs

The Davis-Monthan Child Development Centers have openings for pre-toddlers (ages 1 to 2 years), toddlers (ages 2 to 3 years) and preschool children (ages 3 to 5 years). For more information, call 228-6463 or 228-6465.

Fishin' For Membership

Bring a friend to the clubs and, if they sign up for membership, the current member gets en-

tered for a chance to win a \$100 gift certificate from the Army and Air Force Exchange Services. Chances multiply with each new member signed up. In addition, both the current and new member will instantly win Sunday Brunch for two at the club, a \$33 value. Fishin' for Membership entry forms must be completed at time of sign up. The next Fishin' for Membership quarterly prize drawing is today. Those present when their name is drawn will also win a Services coupon book valued at approximately \$100. For more information, call 228-3100.

NAF Property Sale

There will be a Non-Appropriated Fund Property Sale in The Mirage Officers' Club parking lot Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be furniture, office items, restaurant supplies and many other items from various Services Activities. No advanced screening allowed. Cash or check payments are preferred, however, credit card purchases will be accepted. For more information please call 228-3301.

Bingo at Community Center

The Desert Lightning Community Center has Sunday Family Bingo once a month. This Sunday, participants can win picnic knick-knacks, Aug. 7 they can enjoy an Ice Cream Social and Sept. 4 they can win a teddy bear. The Community Center also invites the D-M community to come out and enjoy their Tuesday Bingo games. Doors open at 5 p.m. for a social hour and the early bird games start at 6:30 p.m. There are Bingo games, cash prizes, and jackpots from \$50

to \$1,000. For more information, call 228-3717.

Scholarship deadline approaching

The deadline to apply for the Air Force Clubs scholarships is July 15. The clubs are giving away \$25,000 in scholarships. There will be six scholarships awarded, with the top prize of \$6,000 for higher education costs. Scholarships will be awarded based on a 500-word essay. All entries must be submitted to the 355th Services Squadron Marketing Director, 5375 E. Kachina St, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., 85707-4922, by the deadline. Current Air Force Club members and their family members who have been accepted by, or are enrolled in, an accredited college or university for entry during the fall 2005 term as a part-time or full-time student are eligible. Ask for rules and entry forms when visiting an Air Force Club. Those interested in more information can also visit <http://www.p.afsv.af.mil/Clubs/Scholarship.htm> or call 228-7352. This is the eighth year that Air Force Clubs has offered this benefit to members.

Auto Skills extended weekend hours

The Auto Skills Center will offer customers extended hours July 15 and 16. The center will be open from 8 a.m. to midnight July 15 and from 7 a.m. until 9 p.m. July 16. This will provide shift personnel and personnel with large jobs that cannot be completed in a couple of hours the opportunity to work on their vehicles for an extended period of time. Auto Skills will provide pizza at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. July 15. For more information, call 228-3614.



July 8th, 4:30pm - Mirage Patio
Mirage Club grand re-opening & Mountain View Conference Center grand opening! Everyone's invited! Enjoy food, beverages, music, games & prize drawings!



The Mirage
DAVIS-MONTHAN AFB
Poly Bar
Thursdays & Fridays
Open from 4pm to close.
Enjoy Social Hour from 5 to 7pm.
Fridays
Social Hour food from 5 to 6pm, members only.

PHONE NUMBERS - Mirage
Frederick Blatt - Club Manager: 228-3391
Danae Antila - Caterer: 228-3391
Robert Johnson - Chef: 228-3391
Main Office: 748-0650 or 228-3301
Barber Office: 748-8968



PHONE NUMBERS - Desert Oasis
Sherry Jones - Manager/Caterer: 228-3100
Rose Snapp - Admin. Assistant: 228-3100
Nan Wiltshire - Cabanas Manager: 747-3234
Main Office/Cabins: 228-3100/748-8666
Barber Shop: 748-8710
Cabanas: 747-3234



Cabanas Special every Sunday
From 4-6pm
Two 12" one topping pizzas with two 16oz sodas for \$15.99

LUNCH SPECIAL
from 10:30am-1:30pm
Cabanas July
Lunch Time Special
Outrigger Sandwich
with Fries or Tossed Salad
and Soda \$4.50

July 8th - 22th at the Desert Oasis

July 8, 15 & 22 - T.G.I.F.
Social Hour - draft beer & drink specials, 5-7pm. Free food, 5-6pm. Doors open at 3pm. 21 & under 1/2 off soda & non alcohol drinks!

July 13 & 20 - Wild About Wed!
Everyone's welcome! Drink specials & free food, 5-6pm. Applications available.

July 14 & 21 - Triple T & Mug Night
from 6-10pm. Doors open at 3pm. Drink specials & music all night! Bring your mug & drafts or sodas are just \$1.50 (up to 32oz).

Note: The lunch buffet moves to the Mirage on July 12.



WILD ABOUT WEDNESDAYS



MUG NIGHT

Starting July 12th
the Lunch Buffet and Sunday Brunch will return to the Mirage.

\$7.85 WEEKDAY LUNCH SPECIALS!
(members receive a \$2.00 discount)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
CLOSED	Chef's Choice	BBQ Buffet	Tori's Fabulous Pasta Station	Catfish buffet & Meatloaf

Buffet Closed Now - 11 July